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Dionne: As with most things 404, the answer is not that simple. By way of background, last fiscal year we received 92 public notices from the Corps of Engineers, Charleston District. We only engaged on 6 of these projects. By engaged I mean we've written an "A" and/or "B" letters, reserving our options to elevate, and are working with the Corps, the applicants and the other agencies. There are times when we write a general comment letter for the Corps and applicants, but those are usually projects we don't plan to reserve our rights of elevation on. So for this fiscal year, between Oct 1, 2012, and present, we have received 53 public notices from the Corps of Engineers, Charleston District. At present, there are only 3 projects we are still engaged on. Those three are Haile Gold Mine (we are awaiting modeling results from the applicant and a meeting is forthcoming soon after that); Lee Nuclear Plant (we are awaiting monitoring results from the applicant to verify preservation mitigation; this should be the last step) and I-73 (the only thing left is for SC DOT to provide information on where they plan to get their mitigation credits as their first option did not work out). All three projects have A and B letters, but it is more a case of waiting on the applicants at this point than anyone waiting on EPA. There are also six other projects we have written general comment letters on and two of those have already been addressed and are closed. Let me know if I can provide more information.

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